Unless Done Speedily it will be Too Late.

A LIVELY SCOUT.

Guppy's Brigade at Jackson, La.

give me the space in your valuable paper, I would like to tell you of an expedition made by our brigade-First Brigade, Fourth Division, Thirteenth Corps-while we were lying at Morganzia Bend, Ls., and shortly after our return from the Red River campaign, which resulted so disastrously to our brave beys. There was a little town a short distance out from Baton Rouge called Clinton, where the enemy had a base of supplies and quite a force of and about 150 of the 1st Tex. Cav., under the command of a Lieutenant-Colonel, whose name of artillery, all under command of Col. J. J. Guppy, of the 23d Wis., were embarked on transports and sent to Bayon Sara to draw the attention of the rebels in that direction, while the cavalry and a small infantry force were sent out from Baton Rouge to destroy the post at Clinton. Our brigade, as near as I can remember, consisted of the 83d and 96th Ohio, 60th Ind., 161st N. Y. and 23d Wis., and, I mistaken, some comrade will please correct me, as it is some 24 years since this transpired, and I at the time a boy only 17 years old. Neither can I give the exact date of the expedition, but it was in the Summer of 1864. We reached Bayon Sara late in the afternoon. There was a gunboat lying at this point, commanded, I think, by a Capt. Foster. This gunboat was stationed here to protect our boats as they passed up and down the river. As there is a range of hills along the river at this point, very easily, as the river makes a long curve here, and the rebels could be completely screened from sight by the heavy timber on and back | being surrounded, in the shape of a horseshoe, from these hills until the boat had got too far by about 1,400 rebels (and we having only on her course around the curve to get away about 350 men, all told), who thought that we from them, when they could

OPEN UPON THE UNPROTECTED BOATS. I was told while on this expedition that Capt. a few hundred yards to our rear. They thought, Foster had entered into a compact with Col. Scott, who commanded the rebels in that dis- make a charge upon us, so that our troops in rebellion crushed, and passed to her rest in trict, by which his men (Capt. Foster's) could the timber (if we had any there) could mow | January, 1868. Now, I think, Egypt is entitled have the range of the town, and Col. Scott's | them down with grape and canister. We were | to the ribbons-the highest number of recruits men were not to enter the town under the delighted that they thought so. In about as from one family; at least, it is the highest penalty of his (Capt. Foster) leveling the town; hour after we were forced to stand here, our number I have noticed in THE NATIONAL which was readily accepted by Col. Scott, as a Colonel (Guppy) sent us orders to fall back as TRIBUNE. Next !- W. H. LEIDIGH, Co. F, 16th great many of his officers and men had families fast as possible to St. Francisville, which we Ohio, America, Ill. living in the town.

about three or four miles of Jackson.

WHEN WE MET A FORCE OF CAVALRY

who were doing picket duty on that road. Our was with us, and our regiment under the command of our Major, J. E. Green. When we took to their heels and left. We followed them. and drove them into Jackson, where we were halted for a rest and dinner; also to give the cavalry a chance to scout around and beyond the town, as there were three roads leading out of the town beside the one we came in upon. While we were resting, our boys, like all old when the boys Tould make a charge upon the not find a man upon the place. The boys began to think the women were trying their of Mississippi for five years before the war, I know that the Southern women-some of them -are quite expert at handling the gun; for most of the men.

There came to our Major and the Lieutenant-Colonel of the 1st Tex. Cav. while we were

A USELESS SHEDDING OF BLOOD little longer, when our scouts came in and re- soldiers have stolen my liquor." ported a heavy body of troops on all three of The Colonel told him that he had some very about a mile, upon a side hill, and just across a pend upon them every time. creek. This creek was in a little ravine between the hill we occupied and the hill the town was built upon. We threw out our pickand on top of the hill, where we were drawn up in line, and waited for some minutes before we stacked arms and went into camp for the night. The commanding officer ordered us to

frying, some of the boys said the rebs were planting a piece of artillery down on the bank of the creek, and in plain sight of us. A lot of us got upon the rail fence near where our battery stood, and were watching them. We expected they were going to load the piece, but they fooled us, as they already had it loaded, and before we could divine their intentions they fired directly at us, the shell striking a man of Co. C in the pit of the stomach. Poor

HE NEVER KNEW WHAT HURT HIM. This man's name was Martin Cook. Our artil- and planted their colors on the enemy's works, Indiana. lery opened on them and soon silenced them. | we old vets up in Vermont have not had much There were some two or three prisoners taken | to say, although we were down there and well from the rebels during the artillery duel, and remember who said at the battle of Winchester, one of them told our officers that the rebs had | "Put the Vermonters shead and keep the lines sent a force of some 1,200 men on an old road | closed up, and we will sleep where we did last | to cut us off from our reserve. The Lieuten- night." And so we did, regiment kept the cavalry and artillery on a name of his for Vermonters. and back and ball

was filled with plug and smoking tobacco and Vt. Art.

the other with sugar. On my way to the rear we came to a little muddy water in the middle of the road, and as Mr. Mule had not had any water since the night before, he thought that was just the time to get a drink.

THE SHELLS AND BULLETS WERE FLYING too thick for my health just in that locality, so I tried to make him think there was some better water a little farther on, all to no avail. I EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: If you will pounded, I coaxed, dug him with my heels, but no, he was going to have a drink if he got killed in the attempt; and as I was not in a happy frame of mind just then, for I was in plain sight of the rebs, and who, I thought, were all trying to see how close they could shoot to me and miss me, I concluded to get off the mule and shoot him myself, and tell the Adjutant be got killed from under me while I was taking him to rear; but just as I had arrived at this conclusion, one of the 1st Tex. mounted infantry and cavalry. It was deemed behind me with his sword drawn and struck his muleship amidships with the flat of his sword, which took the mule so by surprise that I have forgotten, and about eight or ten pieces | he did not stand on the order of his going, but came very near leaving me behind in the mudhole. Golly, thought I, that Johnny came mighty close to me that time, for I was sure it was a rebel who had dealt the blow and thought it was intended for me, as the cavalrymen of the 1st Tex. were not uniformed with our uniform, but were buckskin breeches and jackets and broad-brim hats. I tell you I was not long in finding a good place to lie down in, behind think, a section of Nims's battery. If I am a large sweet-gum tree. Here we lost another man, John G. Jones, a Corporal in Co. G. who had his head shot off. There was a full in the fight for a few moments. He made the remark that he was going to see what they were doing, but was told to lie still; but before he could be told, he raised his head enough to look over the top of the weeds, when the rebs fired a cannon. The shell struck Jones in the face, carrying away the whole of the head except the chin, spattering Lieut. Crandall and Lieut. Richardson with his blood and brains, and turning him where the rebels could prey upon our boats | completely over. He, too, poor fellow, was left on the field for the rebels to bury.

WE WERE IN A BAD BOX HERE,

had the woods full of reinforcements or we would not have stood in the field, but would have fallen back to the timber, as it was only too, that it was a ruse to draw them out to noble mother of all these boys lived to see the did, and I can tell you we made good time at it, As I said, we arrived at Bayou Sara late in too. The rebs, who knew the lay of all the the afternoon and disembarked. When we en- country around there, were so sure that they tered the town we found quite a number of were going to find us as we were crossing the rebels, a part of whom some of our boys capt- creek about one-quarter mile from where our ured, mules and all. We marched up on top of reserve was drawn up in line of battle just out | McIntosh, Co. F, 23d Wis., and as I was there at the hill to that part of the town called St. of St. Francisville, that they trained their the time, I wish to give my version of the affair. Francisville, and went into camp for the night. | guns so they could rake us with grape and can- I was First Duty Sergeant, Co. E, 14th Ill. Cav. In the morning our brigade was formed into lister as we were huddled together at the ford. There was a little squad of the 14th camped at four detachments, three of which were sent out | But they reckoned without their host this | the bridge that Mr. McIntosh speaks of. We on three different roads toward Clinton. But | time, for when they made their appearance on | had been with Stoneman to Macon, Ga., and I will only follow that one formed of the 23d | the hill we had just passed we were lying | there was only 150 who returned. For a week or Wis. and 50 of the 1st Tex. Cav. and a section | down with our line of battle on the opposite | 10 days Gen. Coburn had been detailing from 15 of Nims's battery. We were sent out, I believe, hill, with two steel Rodman guns trained on to 20 of us to take the advance of the skirmish-Clinton. I will say right here that the fourth | which dismounted one gun, blew up one cais- | Lieut. Brown, of Co. G. We had advanced to detachment, with the most of the artillery, son, and killed a number of their men and within about two miles of Atlanta before we were kept at St. Francisville for a reserve. We horses. They withdrew as speedily as possi- saw any enemy, near a fort made of sand-bags. did not meet with any rebels until within ble without giving us a shot. We lay here The road ran in an easterly direction, and the detachment was under the command of the as our mission was completed. Just as the distant. I spoke to the Lieutenant and drew Lieutenant-Colonel of the 1st Tex. Cav. who troops were all on the boats, except a few of our his attention to the man, and he told me to came onto this small force of rebels there was Foster, of the gunboat, we saw quite a number him about a mile. The man with me underuntil our battery opened on them, when they of the town, and some of our men called out to works and could not get back to me. I gained

AND THE WAY THE RESS FLEW BACK over the top of that hill was a caution. In a soldiers, were scattered over the village, hunt- few moments more two rebel officers appeared gun. I broke the gun over a stamp and ing for something good to eat, and while thus on their horses, riding over the levee close engaged were fired upon quite frequently. But to our officers, with a flag of truce tied to a They proved to be Col. Scott, commandhouse from whence the bot came they could ing the rebels, and hie Aid. He (Col. Scott) claimed he came to remind Capt. Foster that ha had broken his agreement, and that the shell hand at soldiering, and I really think that he fired had hit a large brick house about a such was the case, as, having lived in the State | mile out of town and knocked it down, burying a woman and small child in the ruins. But Capt. Foster told him he must keep his men on the other side of that hill, or he would level my old grandmother could pick a turkey from | the town for him; that he had broken the comthe tallest pine tree with a rifle about as well as | pact first, as our men on entering the town found a number of his men there, and had taken some of them prisoners.

told him to give them a shot, Which he did

Here happened a laughable circumstance. lying here an old Catholic priest, who said he | Col. Guppy looked at his watch and said that it was time for him to depart, and he wished the rebel (Col. Scott) good-day and handed him a TIONAL TRIBUNE of Nov. 8 Comrade David H. drink from a bottle. Col. Scott took a drink, and loss of life, but that he knew such would and wanted Col. Guppy to take a drink with rade Hartzell makes a grievous error himself. be the consequences if we remained in town | him. But when he turned to his saddle-bags, much longer, as the rebs had a whole division lo! his whisky, bottle and all, had vanished. on each of the three roads leading out of the Some enterprising Yank had grabbed it while Conn., and leaves the 12th W. Va. out in the If I mistake not, I knew her during the year town, and they would be closing in upon us he (Col. Scott) had been talking with our offiunless we got out of there. We remained a cers. He said to Col. Guppy: "Some of your

these roads, and only about three or four miles hard cases in his command, and that they charge, and was the first regiment inside of the advertised through your columns for one Dr. out. Our Lieutenant-Colonel drew us out of would steal under any and all circumstances, the town back on the same road we came in on but that when it came to a fight, he could de- ping from a newspaper published about that cal Director in charge of Marine Hospital. If We drew out into the stream,

LEAVING THE TWO REBEL OFFICERS ets a few rods from the creek, and just in the talking with Capt. Foster, and arrived at Moredge of the timber, the rebels doing the same ganza Bend that evening, having accomon their side of the creek. Our men were plished our errand so well that the force sent lying in line of battle until after dark, when out from Baton Rouge captured the post at we were ordered to march back a little farther. Clinton and destroyed all the rebel stores that they could not take away. We also took back with us several prisoners that we had captured. Thus ended this expedition, which resulted

in putting a stop to the rebels attacking our | works. do all our cooking that night, so as not to build foraging parties and outposts in such heavy any fires in the morning. But when morning force. This was one of the hottest little fights came we were ordered, every man, to build a our regiment was in while it was out, and stands recorded on our flag as the "Battle of We had the two pieces of artillery with us Jackson, La." I would suggest to the soldier on this expedition planted in the wagon-road who stole Col. Scott's whisky-bottle, that he there.—John G. Jones, Sergeant, Co. A, 12th federate officers or soldiers." I am reminded between our company (F) and Co. C. Just as send it to President Cleveland, that he may re- W. Va. we had our coffee nicely boiling and salt pork | turn it with the captured flags, when he thinks he is able to consummate that cherished design. Now, speak up, boys, and let us know who the thief was .- C. A. Chandall, Drummer, Co. F, dier, I would like to suggest a name for our future | America," and claim this as being conceded by 23d Wis., 188 Concord street, West St. Paul, Commissioner of Pensions, and that is Hon. our statesmen, which concession shall ulti-

VERMONT TO THE FRONT. and so well in the National Legislature.

The Green Mountain Boys Got There First.

ant-Colonel then ordered us to fall back. We Gen. Brooks once said, on being asked if he were obliged to leave poor Cook on the side of | could take a certain position from the enemy;

sharp trot to keep up with and out of our way | However, we claim to have got there first in | afflicted to speak out through that welcome, for 12 miles, to where the road the rebels were the campaign of 1888. Our videts commenced whole-souled friend of ours, The NATIONAL who felt and said, and still feels and says, if on intersected with the road that we were early in the season, and soon our pickets, under TRIBUNE, for an equalization of the pension upon, when the enemy made a charge upon us | Chairman C. S. Page, were hotly engaged, and | laws in regard to a disability equivalent to loss and forced us to stand and give battle. We we fought the enemy in the stores and on the of hand or foot, arm or leg, Should we but filed to the left and lay down in an old field, street-crossings until the first Tuesday in Sep- write our Members of both Houses of Congress with nothing to shelter us but the weeds and tember, when we made a grand charge on both asking them why this distinction in the rating, briars. The banks along the wagon-road at flanks, in front and rear, and captured a per- and urge them to use their influence in levelthis point were so steep that we had to lift the | tion of his stronghold, with from 8,000 to 10,000 | ing up the rating, not down, that justice may cannon up by hand, one piece on one side of prisoners over our last battle four years ago. be given all, it will be done. And don't forget the road and one on the other. Here we were | The next week the Maine Division reinforced | to mention the importance of speedy and favorordered to lie down and not to fire again until us with a grand victory for the Union arms. able action on "The National Tribune" Penwe were ordered to. The artillery and cavalry There we were obliged to halt for two long sion Bill .- WILLIAM McKAMY, Private, Co. E, did all the fighting at this point, the cavalry months, wondering whether our comrades in | 98th Ill. M't'd Inf., Duncanville, Ill. riding in a circle around the regiment as we other States would come to the rescue, or allow lay on the ground. I tell you they kept us the hosts of the enemy to overpower us and busy hugging mother earth and dodging shells | turn our victories into defeat, and send our de-

pendent ones into the poorhouse.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

A FIGHTING FAMILY.

They Take an Active Part in Two Wars. EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: Being a regular subscriber and reader of the best paper issued in the interest of the soldier-The NA-TIONAL TRIBUNE-I take great pleasure in placing before your many readers the record of one among the foremost of the loyal mothers of this great and grand country of ours, as well as to let your readers know that "Lower Egypt" played its part in crushing the rebellion as well as some other portions of the country. I have been acquainted very intimately with the family for 23 years, of which the following is a simple statement of facts, as told me by one of the surviving comrades and member of the family, and the truth can fully be substantiated by many of the most reliable and trustworthy citizens of this (Pulaski) County, Ill...

In the month of April, 1843, John and Mary Barthson moved from Morgan County, O., to this County to establish a home, in which effort they fully succeeded. When the call was made for volunteers to enlist for the war with Mexico, John, the father, and his two eldest sons, A. C. and Ed., enlisted in Co. B, 2d Ill. Inf., leaving the mother and seven sons at home to take care of the farm. In the battle of Buena Vista the father was killed. The two sons served out their term of enlistment and safely reached home. When the war of the rebellion broke out, Mother Barthson sent eight of her sons to protect our flag and country, who all served with honor to their commands and themselves in the following-named regiments: Ed. served in Co. I, 81st Ill., his younger brother, Jas. L., being Captain of the company; Erastus and John W. served in the same company and regiment; R. B. went as Captain of Co. F. 11th Ills.; W. R. served in 2d Ill. Cav.; W. W. in Co. H, 18th Ill.; Alonzo in Co. H. 18th Ill. Alonzo died in the service. W. W. was wounded in the battle of Fort Donelson. Capt. Jas. L. was captured at the battle of Guntown, Miss., and held a prisoner for five months, and John W. was also captured in the same bathle, and served six months in prison at Andersonville. He is now an honored citizen of the Jayhawker State (Kansas). Ed., the eldest, is an inmate of the Military Home at Leavenworth, Kan. W. W. is now a wealthy merchant in Gainsville, Florida. A. C. and Jas. L. are honored and much-respected citizens of this County. The balance have answered that last "roll-call "and joined the great army that have crossed that mystic river. That

Entering Atlanta. EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: I see by your paper of the 18th of October, 1888, a communication headed as above, and written by W. H. waiting for them to make an attack for about | Lieutenant called a halt at the cross-roads. I an hour, but did not see anything more of them. looked down the road, coming in around the We were ordered back to our transports at | breastworks, and saw a rebel cavalryman sit-Bayon Sara to re-embark for Morganza Bend, ting on his horse in the road about 300 yards officers, among whom was Col. Guppy, our bri- take one man and capture him. We started gade commander, who were talking with Capt. for him, and he turned and ran and I chased of the rebs coming over the top of the hill back | took to cut him off, and ran into the breast-Col. Guppy the fact, just as the lookout on the on the fugitive very rapidly and fired several gudboat called to Capt. F. that the robs were shots at him. Finally his horse stumbled and coming over the top of the hill. Capt. Foster | fell. The rebel struck his head against a stump,

in falling, and skinned his temple. I rode up and took him prisoner; also I took the horse and two heavy, loaded revolvers and an old mounted the rebel on the old gray horse, and as I came back with him the boys cheered Instily. The town of Atlanta was not very hard to take, as we 25 men met the Mayor of the town, who inquired for the General, and we told him to go on and he would meet him. We had some pretty heavy skirmishing through the town, and the infantly followed close in the rear. As far as the blue smoke at sand-bag fort is concerned, all I saw was a campfire and a few ovens and skillets. Any comrade wishing information about this section of the country will be accommodated, as I have lived here since 1866 .- HENRY H. BRINKLEY, Sergeant, Co. E, 14th Ill. Cav., Airlie, Ore.

The Battle of Pledmont.

EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: In THE NA-Smith, 20th Pa. Cav., in trying to correct Com-In describing the gallant charge at Piedmont, he names the 54th Pa., 34th Mass, and 18th wounded and missing of the 12th W. Va. in ed when we had almost reached the rebel him.

Comrade Smith, if the above is not sufficient to prove that the 12th W. Va. was one of the regiments that charged and carried the rebel werks at Piedmont June 5, 1864, write again, and we will try to satisfy you that we were really

The Commissioner of Pensions.

EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: As an old solthis (the 11th) Congressional District so long Should Mr. Steele receive the appointment

as said Bureau officer, the soldiers of every locality and every nationality could rely upon EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: As there has his friendly construction of the Pension laws, as well as many thousand other old soldiers, he thinks of moving to some part of the counbeen considerable controversy in the columns and his administration of the laws pertaining against their being called "Confederate States" of your paper in regard to who got there first to same would reflect honor upon the State of and "Confederate soldiers."

Dunkirk, Ind.

Equalizing Pensions.

EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: Comrade the road for the rebels to bury for us. Then "Yes, I can; with my cornstalk militia I can | Channey L. Knapp, of Leavenworth, Kan., commenced a race I shall never forget. Our take all the devils in hell." This was a pet strikes me square, and I rise to vindicate our cause, not only to urge all comrades similarly

Honey-moon.

"Say, Perkins, old boy, why don't we see you at the club any more? Has your mother-in- of good health is found in the regular move-There was a little circumstance that hap- But the 6th of November came at last, and law shut down on you?" "No. Brown; the fact ment of the bowels and perfect action of the other truck upon which to live, and he thanks pened to your humble servant here that fooled not one of our brigade can say but what we of the matter is, my home is so happy now that Liver. These organs were intended by nature God that he is no longer in the poorhouse, but him out of about a year's growth. When we were happily disappointed when the last great there is no inducement for me to leave it. You to remove from the system all impurities. If is able to make his own living. He is an apwere ordered into line of battle the Adjutant drama had ended and every State but two look incredulous, but it's a positive fact. You you are constipated, you offer a "standing inhanded me the reins of the mule he was riding north of Mason and Dixon's line joined us in see, my wife used to suffer so much from func- vitation" to a whole family of diseases and and told me to take him to the rear. I took the last grand charge of the campaign of 1888. | tional derangements common to her sex that | irregularities which will surely be "accepted," the mule and mounted him with the lead I I say we got there first, and planted our col- her spirits and her temper were greatly affected. was carrying, consisting of a small tin pail full ors on the enemy's works too high for them to It was not her fault, of course, but it made mined. All these unhappy conditions may be of butter, and a pillow-slip, one end of which shoot down .- M. M. Whitney, Battery L, 1st home unpleasant, all the same. But now, since averted by the timely use of Dr. Pierce's Pleasshe has begun to take Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, see has been so well and so happy | ual regulation of the bowels and Liver, estab- | a reward. that we are having our honey-moon all over | lishing a healthy action of the entire wonderful

GIVE THEM THEIR DUES.

EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: As veterans of the late war we are proud of the far-reaching influence and loyalty of THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE. It is indeed the champion paper of the soldiers' rights and interests in the United States. Whenever its editor has pointed out an unworthy office-holder under the Government the veterans, realizing the reltable source from which it originated, have promptly voted him out at the polls. It should be a warning to either political party in power to deal justly and honestly with the men who saved the Nation in the hour of its peril. The Democratic party of New York State now admit that they were defeated by the soldier votes. Behold the banner Harrison State looming up in the West. The political complexion of "Bleeding Kansas" has been made clear and bright by the good judgment and patriotic votes of the old soldfers. The voice of the Hoosier veterans was distinctly heard above the rebel yell of Eugene Higgins in sounding the death-knell of C. C. Matson. The inhuman treatment of the victims of Libby, Belle Isle and Andersonville prisonpens was still fresh in the minds of the veterans | cember, 1863. of Indiana. They could not be bribed even by English gold. They are men of large experience as well as men of brains. What about pension legislation this Winter? Can we expect anything from a dead carcass that could not "include sore eyes among the results of diarrhea" while living? Must 10,000 aged veterans languish in the poorhouse another year? When will justice be meted out to the Nation's defenders, to the widows and orphans who are destitute of the necessaries of life? Why in the name of Heaven does not the Government deal as honestly with its soldiers as it does with its bondholders? Which is the most worthy of remuneration? Who stopped Lee's cohorts when they were marching toward Philadelphia and New York-the bondholders or the soldiers? Whom has the Government been the most partial to-the bondholders who received \$3 for the use of \$1, or the soldiers who were promised a dollar and received 35 cents? Eight dollars per month, the small pittance which the soldiers have thus far received. was no incentive for them to bare their breasts to rebel bullets? The soldiers, unlike the bondholders, were not working for money. They had a principle at stake. They were fighting for an eternal principle of right against a great wrong. They were fighting for the perpetuity of the Union, and for the liberation of 4,000,000 of men bound down in the iron chains of slavery. They were fighting for the honor of the old flag, and for an honorable residence in a beautiful country for their loved ones. In equally entitled to an honest dollar? The plication. Government has done as it agreed with its creditors, and we say amen to it; but it has not done as it agreed with its soldiers. Since the Government has lots of cash on hand, why not pay its honest debts to the soldiers by making good the 65 cents which was respectfully ask our law-makers, why not equalize the bounties of soldiers, and forever the soldiers are still living? When the veter- to write to him. ans take up their eternal flight they will not take the money with them. Every dollar will an article in THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE which soon go back to the Treasury, from whence it said John Welch, of an Illinois regiment, reon the main road, and the center one, to Jack- the road at the top of the hill where they made line to see if the enemy was still there. On came. Now, if ever, is the time the aged vet- ceived arrears of pension and dealt in grain son, La. a little town some 14 miles from St. their appearance, and gave them a shot from the morning of September 1 there was a detail erans need assistance from the Government and is to-day worth \$100,000, would like to Francisville and some eight or ten miles from both guns before they could use their cannon, made from the 14th, (of Cos. G and E,) led by which they saved from division and dishonor. know to what regiment this comrade belonged The gray shadows of years are deepening about them. Their ranks are constantly being thinned by the steady march of time. The last roll-call of the veterans of 1861-'5 draweth nigh. They will soon be mustered out and join the heroic spirits above. This Nation, made great and powerful and prosperous by the heroic valor of its soldiers, can never fully pay them for their services, but it can smooth their pathway to the grave. Hereafter the soldiers will vote to a man for the party that assists them. We propose to keep alive the memories of the war so long as the electric chain of memory, stretching over every battlefield and over every patriot's grave, continues to illuminate our mental horizon Yes, we'll keep alive the memories of the war until the principles for which we fought and for which our brave comrades died are respected and acknowledged by the people in every section of the United States, and indelibly written on every page of our National history; till every citizen in the Southern States, and in New Jersey, can walk up to the polls and deposit his vote without fear and unchecked by the hand of violence. Then we will cheerfully bury the bloody garment so far as North and South are concerned. We honor the bravery exhibited by our late enemies on many a hotlyclasp the warm hand of every ex-rebel soldier in a lasting friendship, if they will love and respect the old flag which the Union armies carried to victory. Indeed, we are jealous of any other flag than the Stars and Stripes planted on American soil, and we will teach our sons to fight for it as we have fought for it, and if needs be to die, that the old flag may still wave.-W. H. FRENCH, Co. D. 17th Pa. Cav., Athens, Pa.

THE ANGEL OF MERCY.

The Name the Soldiers Gave Mrs. Risley. EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: In your issue of Nov. 8 I have read with much interest the communication of Alice C. Risley (nee Farmer). charge we were where it was warm enough. Marine Hospital, New Orleans. She was called The 12th W. Va., led by Col. William B. Cartis, by many of the boys the Angel of Mercy. I was on the right of the brigade, and led the am quite persuaded she as well as the one who did nothing but their duty; those who sought rebel works. Before me, as I write, is a clip- Backer is mistaken as to the Surgeon or Meditime, in which is the names of the killed, my memory serves me right, and I think it does, it was Dr. Bouchea-as we pronounced it that charge. The following is the total: Seven- it was Bo-k. He was from New York city, and teen killed, 41 wounded and two missing. I I think returned there, He was a loyal, symhave in my possession a memento of that pathetic and true Christian gentleman, and charge in the shape of a rebel minie-ball, ever on the alert to do the very best for the which, after mashing my hand, lodged in the suffering humanity under his care. I think the memory of its chief assassins of 23 years stock of my gun against the barrel. After the if the comrade who seeks to find Dr. Backer battle was over a comrade cut it out and gave | will inquire for Dr. Bouchea (Bo-k), he may be it to me. My brother, George L. Jones, and able to find him, if living, in New York city, cousin, William H. H. Leach, were both kill- or some of his family who may yet survive

Now, with all the emphasis I can command, I wish right here and now to enter my solemn protest against our Representatives and Senators in the future calling the States that were disloyal "Confederate States," and also the men who served in the Southern army "Conthey were "the so-called Confederate." May George W. Steele, of Grant Co., who represented | mately be the means of holding us responsible | He thinks the difference should be made good as a Nation for all damages and obligations now outstanding against the rebellions States. I go in for calling them just what they were, and always let them be put upon the record as such. Call them what else they may, I protest,

They deliberately rebelled and felt proud of The ex-soldiers of this locality, without re- it, and to-day many vauntingly boast of their gard to party affiliations, earnestly desire Mr. | actions; let, therefore, the title they so richly were rebels, and so let them be called. Surely the Jew is not ashamed to be called a Jew, nor is the Gentile ashamed to be called a Gentile. We are not ashamed to be called Union soldiers. Maybe I hear semeone say you must not say Union soldier, for that is flaunting the bloody shirt. Let that be as it may, my not himself by his Representatives in Congress. that his cause and he were on the side of right, surely he should not be ashamed of his title, it being the one he sought and fought for. Let me say to the honorables when in Congress assembled, I beseech you give the rebels their due, and let us have no more mincing the matter; do not any longer bring odium upon yourselves by giving a title to a supposed something

that was nothing. Say, boys, what is the matter with the 2d N. Y. Cav.? Let us hear from some of you-W. F. Poor, 2d N. Y. Cav., Tribes Hill, N. Y.

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From Alert Comrades All Along the

Information Asked and Given. Mrs. Kate E. Near. Blue Island, Ill., was commissioned as Hospital Nurse, and served in Ward C, General Hospital No. pleased to hoar from any of the old boys. 1. Benton Barracks, Mo., during the months of June and July, 1863; was then sent of the 2d Ohio battery to the distinction of to Vicksburg to General Hospital, No. 1, losing less men from the effects of battle than where she served during August, September any other command of equal numbers and and October, after which time, and until the amount of service, it having been in active 1st day of January, 1864, was at the Prentiss | service from Aug. 5, 1861, to Aug. 9, 1865, par-Hospital, Vicksburg, Miss. If there are any of ticipating in the battles of Pea Ridge, Vicksthe old hospital friends who remember her, she | burg and its preliminary battles of Champion would be pleased to hear from them, especially

there during the months of November and De-C. E. McKoy, Co. -, 1st Me. Cav., Bangor, Me., would like to know the whereabouts of Thomas Griffin, Pa. Cav., who was captured the youngest members of the G.A.R. barring along with him in Virginia in 1864. Griffin musicians, etc. On March 7 last he was 38

was formerly from Thomaston, Me. Daniel Younken, Co. B. 1st Va. Cav., Cameron, W. Va., says he was Orderly for Col. Garvins, a private who can beat this record, he will be 7th Ind., at the battle of Port Republic, June 9. | glad to hear from him. 1862. During the fight he helped three of the 7th Ind. from the field; one, a Sergeant, who his tongue almost off. He would like to know him, he would be pleased to hear from them. O. R. Benedict, Co. A. 3d Wis. Cav., Long Isl-

cumstances attending this case will confer a great favor ov communicating with him, J. M. Freeback, Carthage, Mo., requests any

enable his daughter to procure a pension. James Shanklin, Co. -, 41st Ohio, 563 City avenue, Columbus, O., wishes to inform the mem- in 1862, and re-enlisted in 1863, and lost his bers of the 41st Ohio that he has photographs of | discharge papers in the Spring of 1865 at the the regimental battleflags which were used | battle of Bentonville, N. C. He would be glad while treason was rampant, and under whose folds so many dear comrades died while defending them. Any comrade of the regiment the light of these facts, are not the soldiers can obtain one of these photographs upon ap- the entire siege, and never saw a bale of cotton

> Enoch Jones, Elixir, Ark., would request any comrade who knows to furnish him the address of Col. Cameron, who commanded the 34th Ind. in 1862, '3, and was afterwards promoted Brigadier-General.

L. B. Polk, Co. F, 60th Ohio, Wilmington, deducted from their pay on settlement? I would | O., wants O. W. Havnest Secretary of the 60th | Ohio Regimental Organization, to furnish his address, as it was not given in the card which remove the dark stigma of a partial Govern- was published in The NATIONAL TRIBUNE, ment? Why not extend the arrears act while although he desired members of the regiment R. W. Winchester, Canton, Wis., having seen

and what is his present address. Lost and Found.

Harry H. Franklin, Co. I, 5th Tenn. (rebel), N. W. corner 12th and Pine Sts., St. Louis, Mo., says he nursed a Union drummer-boy nine weeks, when he died, and was buried at Vicksburg. The boy gave him a medal inscribed, W. R. Adams, Drummer, Co. I, 33d N. J. Zouaves." The friends of Adams can obtain the medal by writing to above address.

G. M. Clayton, Co. B, 81st Ohio, Bryson, Tex., having seen communications in the columns of THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE advising soldiers to settle in different parts of the country, desires to say that he has lived in Tennessee and Alabama, but finds central and northwest Texas the best spot in the world to live. Land can be bought unimproved at from \$3 to \$5 per acre, while it will cost from \$5 to \$20 when improved. The Winters are short, the planting of eorn beginning March 1, frost not coming until the middle of November. He will answer questions from any comrade who desires infor-

Give Them Their Duc.

Henry J. Lyda, 929 North Nineteenth street. St. Louis, Mo., says: "Now that the Republicau party will soon have control of the country, it is well to the ex-soldiers and sailors to remind them that section 1954, Revised Statutes United States, reads: 'That percens disabled in the military or naval service must have the preference for minor positions, provided they are competent.' The Republican party has ever been liberal to ex-soldiers and sailors, but in many instances have failed to enforce said section, and have placed political favorites in positions which ought to have been filled by disabled soldiers and sailors," E. C. Walker, Co. C. 141st Pa., Falls Church,

Va., says: "Yours and every loyal Union loving man's hopes have at last been realized The vetoer has been vetoed, and earnest, zealous friends restored to power in this fair land of ours, whose institutions we so dearly love, and for which we once periled all to save and perpetuate. Let us hope that in the near future justice may reign supreme in this grand and glorious country of ours. Its defenders to destroy it did just that much less, and now all we ask of the Government is the same measure of treatment that we were willing to accord to it. Let it stand by us as faithfully when we shall need its aid as we stood by it when it needed our aid, and we will be fully compensated; and we likewise hope and pray it will mete out justice pure and simple to those who would eulogise, extol and build monuments to ago, and they would now quarter that despicable rag on which is daubed some stars and bars on that beautiful emblem of ours, the Stars and Stripes. Yes, we plead for justice for them too. and shall not feel quite satisfied until we see

them get it." Carmi Beadleston, Ladner's Landing, British Columbia, having served over four years in the army, is much interested in the welfare of the old soldiers, and thinks it a disgrace that the Government has not done a better part by its defenders. He is one out of thousands who that our great chieftains have repeatedly said | came out in good health, never having been wounded. He knows an old soldier just across it not be seen that by and by they will wish to the line in Washington Territory who was shot be recognized as the "Confederate States of | through the lungs, a part of two ribs being taken out. For this he gets \$12 a month. He has had a struggle for existence for 22 years. between greenbacks paid the soldier and gold at the time of payment.

O. A. Dickinson, Grand Meadows, Minn. would like to correspond with some comrade who lives in the western part of Nebraska, as try where the Winters are not so cold and long. He is a farmer, and desires to purchase land to

Mrs. A. H. Paul, Allerton, Iowa, says her husband died about a year ago. He was a sol-Steele's appointment, and will strive to accom- merit and are proud of be given them. It is dier of the 39th Ill, and served four years, and plish it .- W. W. PAYTON, Co. K, 19th Ind. Inf., their legitimate title; let them bear it. They was wounded seven times, and had been a pensioner over 20 years, but at his death the pension ceased. She applied immediately, but her claim was rejected. She trusts that the pension laws will soon be so amended that a veteran's dependent ones will not be put to such hardships as the laws now in force entail. Our Constituents.

> J. C. McGuire, Co. -, 13th Ky., Glasgow, Ky., says he would rather do without his coffee than THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE, as it is truly the soldier's friend. He would like some member of his old regiment to give some of their doings during the war, especially as to the siege of Knoxville, Tenn. Random Shots.

Hiram Kendall, Co. I, 102d N. Y., Orange Hights, Fla., says his mother died not long ago and left him a legacy of \$400. At the time he was in the almshouse, Albany, N. Y. He took this money and went to Florida, bought four acres of land, and has improved it, working very hard. He now has a small orange grove besides plum, peach and banana trees. He also has planted enough sweet potatoes and plicant for a pension, but has failed as yet in

Henry Woodin, Battery C, 1st Ohio L. A., Unionville, O., lost his sachel in some town in Illinois in 1868. It contained his discharge papers, and should anybody who sees this notice return the papers to him they will receive George P. Hawks, Templeton, Mass., says he

was in Knoxville, Tenn., during the entire

having it allowed.

siege, in command of the 21st Mass., and was from one end of the breastworks to the other, but never saw a bale of cotton used as a protection from the enemy, and does not believe it

was used for that purpose. Joseph Fessler, Muscatine, Iowa, says that 25 years ago the mess to which he belonged had a jollification. They had a good supper and other refreshments, while speeches were made by the mess Chaplain, Hon. Charles stiller, and others. The mess was compased of Wm. Taylor, John W. Taylor, Charles Wilson, Dallas Wamsley, Milton Strecht, Eiva Strecht, John C. Couluth, and the writer. He would be

W. W. Fenton, Quincy, Ill., enters the claim Hills and Black River, Banks's Red River Dr. Miller, Surgeon-in-Charge of Prentiss Hos- | expedition, the capture of Mobile, and perhaps pital, or any of the other attendants who were other engagements not now remembered, and only suffered the loss of one man killed and one who died from his wounds.

Edwin M. Hershey, Canton Post, No. 25, Middle Branch, O., believes himself to be one of years old. Any Post having upon its rolls a comrade who carried a musket and enlisted as

M. L. Adams, Stephens, Chickasaw Nation, Indian Territory, says he is almost alone in his was shot through the jaws, the bullet cutting section of the country, as ex-Union soldiers are very scarce there. He has plenty of fun with if this comrade is alive. If any one can tell | the Johnnies, now that Harrison is elected, and their lips hang pretty low. He would like to hear from some one of Co. C, 26th Ind., and and, Kan., wants the affidavit of some comrade | hopes they are not all dead.

of his regiment who remembers the loss of his | B. Lockbart, Co. G. 1st Mich. Eng., Allehorse. Any comrade who remembers the cir- | gan, Mich., was one of Sherman's bummers or thieves, as they were sometimes called. Sherman did not permit his men to steal, but he would allow them to forage, and they never comrade who knew a soldier by the name of took anything that was out of their reach. Jeff. Godden, who was killed or died at Somer- The first day his company was detailed as forset, Ky., in 1862, 1863, or 1864, to please inform | agers they only took seven hogs, two sheep and him of the company and regiment to which God- 100 bushels of sweet potatoes, which made the den belonged. The information is desired to regiment a pretty good meal.

Henry J. Jenkins, Co. C. 10th Wis., Stillwater, Minn., received a discharge for disability to obtain them. D. M. Callender, Co. F. 111th Ohio, Gregory,

Kan., says he was in Knoxville, Tenn., during used in the construction of the fortifications at R. C. Rankin, Ripley, O., says there were seven brothers of his family in the U.S. serv-

ice during the rebellion. The eldest is 72 years of age, while the youngest is 50. The father died at 94 and the mother at 86. Truly a longlived family.



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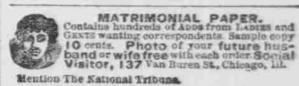
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